Adopted Rejected

## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

YES: 8 NO: 2

## MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee on <u>Insurance</u>, to which was referred <u>Senate Bill 195</u>, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill **be amended** as follows:

1	Page 1, between the enacting clause and line 1, begin a new
2	paragraph and insert:
3	"SECTION 1. IC 8-2.1-22-46, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2006,
4	SECTION 152, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
5	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008]: Sec. 46. (a) Notwithstanding any other
6	provision of this chapter, common and contract carriers and other
7	carriers engaged in the transportation of passengers or household goods
8	for hire, over regular or irregular routes, whether operating pursuant to
9	a certificate or permit or as an exempt carrier under section 2.1(5) of
10	this chapter, shall file with the department proof of financial
11	responsibility in the form of surety bonds or policies of insurance or
12	shall qualify as a self-insured. The minimum level of financial
13	responsibility required shall be as follows:
14	(1) For a contract carrier that transports railroad employees,
15	a combined single limit of three million dollars (\$3,000,000)
16	for bodily injury and property damage in any one (1)

1	accident.
2	(2) For a contract carrier, common carrier, or other carrier
3	not described in subdivision (1), the minimum level established
4	under 49 U.S.C. 13906(a)(1).
5	(b) A person who violates this section commits a Class C infraction.
6	However, the offense is a Class A misdemeanor if the person has a
7	prior unrelated judgment for violating this section.
8	(c) In addition to any other penalty imposed upon a person for a
9	conviction of a Class A misdemeanor under subsection (b), the law
10	enforcement agency may impound the vehicles owned by the person.
11	Unless the vehicle is impounded or forfeited under a law other than this
12	section, the vehicle shall be released to the carrier when the carrier
13	complies with this section.
14	SECTION 2. IC 9-24-1-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
15	[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008]: Sec. 4. (a) Except as provided in section
16	7 of this chapter, an individual must:
17	(1) have a valid Indiana operator's, chauffeur's, or public
18	passenger chauffeur's license; and
19	(2) be at least eighteen (18) years of age;
20	to drive a medical services vehicle upon an Indiana highway.
21	(b) Except as provided in section 7 of this chapter, an individual
22	must have a valid public passenger chauffeur's license to operate
23	a contract carrier vehicle that:
24	(1) is regulated under IC 8-2.1-22; and
25	(2) transports railroad employees upon an Indiana highway.".
26	Page 2, line 7, delete "shall" and insert "may".
27	Page 2, line 8, delete "at least" and insert "not more than".
28	Page 2, line 8, delete "and not".
29	Page 2, line 9, delete "more than ten (10)".
30	Page 2, between lines 26 and 27, begin a new paragraph and insert:
31	"SECTION 4. IC 9-25-10 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
32	AS A <b>NEW</b> CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
33	JULY 1, 2008]:
34	Chapter 10. Judicial Reinstatement of Driving Privileges
35	Sec. 1. This chapter applies only to a person whose driving
36	privileges have been suspended under IC 9-25-8-2 for failure to
37	maintain proof of financial responsibility for a motor vehicle.
38	Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "petitioner" means a person

1	seeking to have the person's driving privileges reinstated or the
2	period of suspension modified in accordance with this chapter.
3	Sec. 3. (a) A person whose driving privileges have been
4	suspended under IC 9-25-8-2 may petition a court to:
5	(1) reinstate the person's driving privileges; or
6	(2) modify the period of suspension;
7	by filing a petition with the court that suspended the person's
8	driving privileges.
9	(b) A petition filed under this section must include the following:
10	(1) The date on which the person's driving privileges were
11	suspended.
12	(2) The period for which the person's driving privileges were
13	suspended.
14	(3) A description of any other penalties imposed on the person
15	for failure to maintain proof of financial responsibility.
16	(4) A list of all convictions or judgments the person has
17	accumulated for failure to maintain proof of financial
18	responsibility.
19	(5) A brief description of why the person is entitled to relief
20	under section 4(b) of this chapter.
21	(6) A brief description of any other reasons that the person
22	believes that the person is entitled to have the person's driving
23	privileges reinstated or the period of suspension modified.
24	(c) A petition filed under this section must be verified.
25	Sec. 4. (a) After receiving a petition filed under this chapter, a
26	court may:
27	(1) summarily dismiss the petition; or
28	(2) give notice to the prosecuting attorney and set the matter
29	for hearing to determine whether the person's driving
30	privileges should be reinstated or the period of suspension
31	should be modified.
32	(b) A court may grant a petition filed under this chapter if the
33	court finds that:
34	(1) the circumstances that caused the petitioner to fail to
35	maintain proof of financial responsibility:
36	(A) no longer exist; or
37	(B) are unlikely to reoccur;
38	(2) the petitioner:

1	(A) is able to provide proof of financial responsibility; or
2	(B) will be able to provide proof of financial responsibility
3	when the period of suspension is no longer in effect; and
4	(3) the petitioner is likely to maintain proof of financial
5	responsibility in the future.
6	Sec. 5. (a) If the court grants a petition under this chapter, the
7	court shall recommend that the bureau reinstate the person's
8	driving privileges or modify the period of suspension.
9	(b) Upon receiving the recommendation from the court under
10	subsection (a), the bureau shall:
11	(1) reinstate the person's driving privileges; or
12	(2) modify the period of suspension;
13	in accordance with the recommendation of the court.
14	SECTION 5. IC 27-18 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
15	A <b>NEW</b> ARTICLE TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
16	2008]:
17	ARTICLE 18. VEHICLE PROTECTION PRODUCTS
18	Chapter 1. Definitions
19	Sec. 1. The definitions in this chapter apply throughout this
20	article.
21	Sec. 2. "Administrator" means a third party other than the
22	warrantor that is designated by the warrantor to be responsible for
23	the administration of vehicle protection product warranties.
24	Sec. 3. "Commissioner" refers to the insurance commissioner
25	appointed under IC 27-1-1-2.
26	Sec. 4. "Department" refers to the department of insurance
27	created by IC 27-1-1-1.
28	Sec. 5. "Incidental costs" means the expenses specified in the
29	warranty that are incurred by the warranty holder related to the
30	failure of the vehicle protection product to perform as provided in
31	the warranty. Incidental costs include:
32	(1) insurance policy deductibles;
33	(2) rental vehicle charges;
34	(3) the difference between the:
35	(A) actual value of the stolen vehicle at the time of theft;
36	and
37	(B) cost of a replacement vehicle;
38	(4) sales taxes;

1	(5) registration fees;
2	(6) transaction fees; and
3	(7) mechanical inspection fees.
4	Sec. 6. "Vehicle protection product" means a product that is
5	designed to prevent the loss of or damage to a vehicle resulting
6	from theft.
7	Sec. 7. (a) "Vehicle protection product warrantor" or
8	"warrantor" means a person that is contractually obligated to the
9	warranty holder under the terms of the vehicle protection product
10	warranty agreement.
11	(b) The term does not include an authorized insurer providing
12	a warranty reimbursement insurance policy.
13	Sec. 8. "Vehicle protection product warranty" or "warranty"
14	means a written agreement by a warrantor that provides that if the
15	vehicle protection product fails to prevent the loss of or damage to
16	a vehicle from a specific cause, the warrantor will pay to or on
17	behalf of the warranty holder specified incidental costs as a result
18	of the failure of the vehicle protection product to perform under
19	the terms of the warranty.
20	Sec. 9. "Warranty holder" means a person that:
21	(1) purchases a vehicle protection product; or
22	(2) is a permitted transferee of a vehicle protection product.
23	Sec. 10. "Warranty reimbursement insurance policy" means a
24	policy of insurance that is issued to the vehicle protection product
25	warrantor to:
26	(1) provide reimbursement to the warrantor for; or
27	(2) pay on behalf of the warrantor;
28	all covered contractual obligations incurred by the warrantor
29	under the terms and conditions of the vehicle protection product
30	warranties issued by the warrantor.
31	Chapter 2. Applicability
32	Sec. 1. A vehicle protection product may not be sold or offered
33	for sale unless a seller, warrantor, or administrator complies with
34	this article.
35	Sec. 2. A warranty, indemnity agreement, or guarantee that is
36	not provided as a part of a vehicle protection product is not subject
37	to the provisions of this article.

Chapter 3. Registration of Vehicle Protection Product

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1	Warrantors
2	Sec. 1. Except as provided in section 5 of this chapter, a person
3	may not:
4	(1) operate as a warrantor; or
5	(2) represent to the public that the person is a warrantor;
6	unless the person is registered with the department under this
7	chapter.
8	Sec. 2. (a) A person who:
9	(1) operates as a warrantor; or
10	(2) represents to the public that the person is a warrantor;
11	must register with the department by filing an application on a
12	form prescribed by the commissioner.
13	(b) An application filed under subsection (a) must contain the
14	following information:
15	(1) The warrantor's name, any fictitious name under which
16	the warrantor does business in Indiana, the principal location,
17	mailing address, and telephone number of the warrantor, and
18	corresponding information for any offices maintained in
19	Indiana.
20	(2) The name and address of the agent of the warrantor for
21	service of process in Indiana, if other than the warrantor.
22	(3) The names of the warrantor's executive officer or officers
23	directly responsible for the warrantor's vehicle protection
24	product business.
25	(4) The name, address, and telephone number of any
26	administrators designated by the warrantor to be responsible
27	for the administration of vehicle protection product
28	warranties.
29	(5) A copy of the warranty reimbursement insurance policy or
30	policies or other financial information required by
31	IC 27-18-4-1.
32	(6) A copy of each warranty that the warrantor proposes to
33	use.
34	(7) A statement indicating under which subdivision of
35	IC 27-18-4-1 the warrantor qualifies to do business as a
36	warrantor.
37	Sec. 3. (a) A registration must be:
38	(1) updated not later than thirty (30) days after any change

1	that makes information previously provided under section
2	2(b) of this chapter no longer correct; and
3	(2) renewed on an annual basis.
4	(b) If a warrantor registered under section 2 of this chapter fails
5	to renew the registration by the registration deadline, and a
6	renewal is not filed within thirty (30) days, the warrantor shall be
7	made inactive by the commissioner.
8	Sec. 4. The department may establish:
9	(1) a fee for the issuance of a registration; and
10	(2) a fee for the renewal of registration;
11	under this chapter in an amount sufficient to implement this
12	article. Fees collected under this section shall be deposited in the
13	department of insurance fund established by IC 27-1-3-28.
14	Sec. 5. An administrator or person that sells or solicits a sale of
15	a vehicle protection product but is not a warrantor is not required
16	to register as a warrantor or to be licensed under this title to sell a
17	vehicle protection product.
18	Chapter 4. Financial Responsibility
19	Sec. 1. A vehicle protection product shall not be sold or offered
20	for sale unless the conditions set forth in at least one (1) of the
21	following subdivisions are met to ensure adequate performance
22	under the warranty:
23	(1) All of the following apply:
24	(A) The vehicle protection product warrantor is insured
25	under a warranty reimbursement insurance policy that is
26	issued by an insurer authorized to do business in Indiana.
27	(B) The warranty reimbursement insurance policy
28	provides that the insurer will pay to, or on behalf of, the
29	warrantor one hundred percent (100%) of all sums that
30	the warrantor legally is obligated to pay according to the
31	warrantor's contractual obligations under the warrantor's
32	vehicle protection product warranty.
33	(C) A true and exact copy of the warranty reimbursement
34	insurance policy has been filed with the department by the
35	warrantor.
36	(D) The warranty reimbursement insurance policy
37	contains the provisions required under IC 27-18-5-1.
38	(2) All of the following apply:

1	(A) The vehicle protection product warrantor or its parent
2	company maintains a net worth or stockholders' equity of
3	at least fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000).
4	(B) The warrantor provides the commissioner with a copy
5	of:
6	(i) the warrantor's most recent audited financial
7	statement; or
8	(ii) the warrantor's parent company's audited financial
9	statement;
0	showing a net worth of at least fifty million dollars
1	(\$50,000,000).
2	(C) If clauses (A) and (B) are satisfied through the
.3	warrantor's parent company, the warrantor's parent
4	company agrees to guarantee the obligations of the
5	warrantor relating to warranties issued by the warrantor.
6	The financial information filed under this subdivision is
7	confidential as a trade secret of the entity filing the
8	information.
9	Sec. 2. No financial security requirements or financial standards
20	for warrantors other than those set forth in section 1 of this
21	chapter are required under this article.
22	Chapter 5. Warranty Reimbursement Policy Requirements
23	Sec. 1. A warranty reimbursement insurance policy may not be
24	issued, sold, or offered for sale unless the policy meets the following
25	conditions:
26	(1) The policy states that the issuer of the policy will:
27	(A) reimburse or pay on behalf of the vehicle protection
28	product warrantor all covered sums that the warrantor is
29	legally obligated to pay; or
0	(B) provide all service that the warrantor is legally
31	obligated to perform according to the warrantor's
32	contractual obligations under the provisions of the insured
33	warranties issued by the warrantor.
34	(2) The policy states that if payment due under the terms of
35	the warranty is not provided by the warrantor within sixty
6	(60) days after proof of loss has been filed according to the
37	terms of the warranty by the warranty holder, the warranty
Q	holder may file directly with the warranty reimburgement

1	insurance company for reimbursement.
2	(3) The policy provides that:
3	(A) a warranty reimbursement insurance company that
4	insures a warranty shall be considered to have received
5	payment of the premium if the warranty holder paid for
6	the vehicle protection product; and
7	(B) the insurer's liability under the policy shall not be
8	reduced or relieved by a failure of the warrantor, for any
9	reason, to report the issuance of a warranty to the insurer.
0	(4) The policy has the following provisions regarding
1	cancellation of the policy:
2	(A) The issuer of a reimbursement insurance policy may
3	not cancel the policy until a notice of cancellation in
4	writing has been mailed or delivered to the commissioner
5	and each insured warrantor.
6	(B) The cancellation of a reimbursement insurance policy
7	may not reduce the issuer's responsibility for vehicle
8	protection products sold before the date of cancellation.
9	(C) If an insurer cancels a policy that a warrantor has filed
0.20	with the commissioner, the warrantor shall do one (1) of
21	the following:
22	(i) File a copy of a new policy with the commissioner
23	before the termination of the prior policy, to ensure that
24	there is no lapse in coverage following the termination of
2.5	the prior policy.
26	(ii) Discontinue offering warranties as of the termination
27	date of the policy until a new policy becomes effective
28	and is accepted by the commissioner.
9	Chapter 6. Disclosure to Warranty Holder; Incidental Costs
0	Sec. 1. A vehicle protection product warranty may not be sold
1	or offered unless the warranty does the following:
2	(1) States:
3	(A) "The obligations of the warrantor to the warranty
4	holder are guaranteed under a warranty reimbursement
5	insurance policy" if the warrantor elects to meet its
6	financial responsibility obligations under IC 27-18-4-1(1);
7	or
8	(B) "The obligations of the warrantor under this warranty

I	are backed by the full faith and credit of the warrantor" if
2	the warrantor elects to meet its financial responsibility
3	obligations under IC 27-18-4-1(2).
4	(2) States that if a warranty holder must make a claim against
5	a party other than the warranty reimbursement insurance
6	policy holder, the warranty holder may make a direct claim
7	against the insurer upon the failure of the warrantor to pay
8	any claim or meet any obligation under the terms of the
9	warranty within sixty (60) days after proof of loss has been
10	filed with the warrantor, if the warrantor elects to meet its
11	financial obligations under IC 27-18-4-1(1).
12	(3) States the name and address of the issuer of the warranty
13	reimbursement insurance policy. This information does not
14	need to be preprinted on the warranty form, but may be
15	added to or stamped on the warranty, if the warrantor elects
16	to meet its financial obligations under IC 27-18-4-1(1).
17	(4) Identifies the:
18	(A) warrantor;
19	(B) seller; and
20	(C) warranty holder.
21	(5) Sets forth the total purchase price and the terms under
22	which the purchase price is to be paid. However, the purchase
23	price is not required to be preprinted on the vehicle protection
24	product warranty and may be negotiated with the consumer
25	at the time of sale.
26	(6) Sets forth the procedure for making a claim, and includes
27	the name, mailing address, and telephone number of a contact
28	representing the warrantor.
29	(7) Sets forth the payments or performance to be provided
30	under the warranty, including:
31	(A) payment for incidental costs;
32	(B) the manner of calculation or determination of payment
33	or performance; and
34	(C) any limitations, exceptions, or exclusions.
35	(8) Sets forth all the obligations and duties of the warranty
36	holder, including:
37	(A) the duty to protect against any further damage to the
38	vehicle;

1	(B) the obligation to notify the warrantor in advance of
2	any repair; or
3	(C) a similar requirement.
4	(9) Sets forth any terms, restrictions, or conditions governing
5	transferability and cancellation of the warranty, if any.
6	(10) Contains a disclosure that reads substantially as follows:
7	"This agreement is a product warranty and is not
8	insurance.".
9	Sec. 2. Incidental costs may be reimbursed under the provisions
10	of a vehicle protection product warranty by:
11	(1) a fixed amount specified in the warranty or sales
12	agreement; or
13	(2) the use of a formula itemizing specific incidental costs
14	incurred by the warranty holder.
15	Chapter 7. Record Keeping
16	Sec. 1. All vehicle protection product warrantors shall keep
17	accurate accounts, books, and records concerning transactions
18	subject to this article.
19	Sec. 2. A vehicle protection product warrantor's accounts, books
20	and records must include:
21	(1) copies of all vehicle protection product warranties;
22	(2) the name and address of each warranty holder; and
23	(3) the dates, amounts, and descriptions of all receipts, claims,
24	and expenditures.
25	Sec. 3. A vehicle protection product warrantor shall retain all
26	required accounts, books, and records related to each warranty
27	holder for at least two (2) years after the specified period of
28	coverage has expired. A warrantor discontinuing business shall
29	maintain the records of the business until the warrantor furnishes
30	satisfactory proof to the commissioner that the warrantor has
31	discharged all obligations to warranty holders in Indiana.
32	Sec. 4. A vehicle protection product warrantor shall make all
33	accounts, books, and records concerning transactions regulated
34	under this article available to the commissioner for examination at
35	the expense of the warrantor.
36	Chapter 8. Rulemaking
37	Sec. 1. The department may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to
38	implement this article. If rules are adopted, they must address the

(1) Disclosures for the benefit of the warranty holder.

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following issues:

(2) Record keeping.

4	(3) Procedures for public complaints.
5	(4) Conditions under which surplus line insurers may be
6	rejected for the purpose of underwriting vehicle protection
7	product warranty agreements.
8	Chapter 9. Prohibited Acts
9	Sec. 1. A vehicle protection product warrantor shall not use in
10	the name, contracts, or literature of the vehicle protection product
11	warrantor the words "insurance", "casualty", "surety", "mutual",
12	or other words descriptive of the insurance, casualty, or surety
13	business or deceptively similar to the name or description of an
14	insurance or a surety corporation, or another vehicle protection
15	product warrantor.
16	Sec. 2. A vehicle protection product seller or warrantor may not
17	require that a retail purchaser of a vehicle purchase a vehicle
18	protection product as a condition of financing.
19	Chapter 10. Sanctions and Administrative Penalties
20	Sec. 1. The commissioner may:
21	(1) conduct examinations of warrantors, administrators, and
22	other persons to enforce this article; and
23	(2) take action necessary or appropriate to enforce this article
24	and the rules of the department;
25	to protect warranty holders.
26	Sec. 2. If a warrantor engages in a pattern or practice of
27	conduct that appears to violate this article and that the
28	commissioner reasonably believes threatens to render the
29	warrantor insolvent or cause irreparable loss or injury to the
30	property or business of a person, the commissioner shall:
31	(1) notify the warrantor in writing specifically stating the
32	alleged grounds for sanctions; and
33	(2) hold a hearing under IC 4-21.5.
34	Sec. 3. If, after a hearing under section 2 of this chapter, the
35	commissioner finds grounds for sanction, the commissioner may
36	issue:
37	(1) an order directed to the warrantor to cease and desist
38	from engaging in further acts, practices, or transactions that

- are causing the conduct that violates this article;

  (2) an order prohibiting the warrantor from selling or offering for sale vehicle protection products in violation of this article;

  (3) an order imposing a civil penalty on the warrantor; or

  (4) a combination of orders under subdivisions (1) through

  (3), as applicable.

  Sec. 4. The decision, determination, or order of the
  - Sec. 4. The decision, determination, or order of the commissioner under section 3 of this chapter is subject to judicial review under IC 4-21.5.
  - Sec. 5. The commissioner may bring a civil action in the name of the state through the attorney general, in a circuit or superior court having jurisdiction in a county in which the warrantor does business or in which the property or business of a person may suffer loss or injury from the warrantor, to restrain the warrantor from commencing or continuing to violate any of the following:
  - (1) This article.

- (2) A rule adopted under this article.
- (3) An order entered under this article.
- Sec. 6. (a) In addition to an order issued against a warrantor under section 3 of this chapter, the commissioner may order the warrantor to pay the department a civil penalty in an amount determined by the commissioner of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500) per violation and not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) total for all violations of a similar nature.
- (b) For purposes of this section, violations are of a similar nature if the violations consist of the same or similar course of conduct, action, or practice, regardless of the number of times the conduct, action, or practice that is determined to be a violation of this article occurred.
- (c) Civil penalties collected under this section shall be deposited in the department of insurance fund established by IC 27-1-3-28.
- SECTION 6. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008] (a) As used in this SECTION, "vehicle protection product" has the meaning set forth in IC 27-18-1-6, as added by this act.
- (b) IC 27-18, as added by this act, applies only to a vehicle protection product sold or offered for sale after June 30, 2008.
- 38 SECTION 7. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008] (a) The definitions in

1	IC 27-18-1, as added by this act, apply throughout this SECTION.
2	(b) The failure of a person to comply with IC 27-18, as added by
3	this act, before July 1, 2008, is not admissible in a court
4	proceeding, an administrative proceeding, arbitration, or an
5	alternative dispute resolution proceeding and may not be used to
6	prove that the action of a person or the affected vehicle protection
7	product was unlawful or otherwise improper.
8	(c) The enactment of IC 27-18, as added by this act, does not
9	imply that a vehicle protection product warranty was insurance
10	before July 1, 2008.".
11	Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.
	(Reference is to SB 195 as printed January 25, 2008.)

Representative Fry

and when so amended that said bill do pass.